

REMARKS

**STATUS OF DRAWINGS**

Figures 1-8 have been replaced with the attached replacement Figures 1-8 to overcome the objections raised by Examiner in the Office Action on pages 2-3. Figures 1-8 are labeled "Replacement Sheet" and have been corrected to replace the numbers in the flow charts with text, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.81. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections to the drawings and for acceptance of replacement Figures 1-8 as submitted.

The Office Action set a shortened period for reply of three months from the mailing date of the Office Action for the remaining items noted in the Office Action, which makes that response due on or before November 23, 2004. Such a response to the remaining items of the Office Action is not submitted with the attached replacement drawings at this time but will be timely submitted hereafter.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the replacement drawings, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace FIGS. 1-8 with the attached replacement drawings, FIGS. 1-8.